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Soviet Troops in Baden, Traiskirchen, Hainburg and Kagran

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1. Motor vehicles observed on 3 April 1954 at the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos in Baden (O 49/X 37), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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and jeep _____ all drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-one trucks and 3 tank trucks were parked in the area of Helenentalhof (estate), which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the estate _____ driver with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck _____ and weapon carrier _____ drivers with black-bordered black epaulets. Three squads each numbering six soldiers constructed telephone lines, and two squads each numbering four soldiers screwed insulators into poles on the training ground west of the billets, which was formerly used as a timber yard. Seven trucks and one jeep were parked in the area of the Doblhof castle, which was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Two majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets and six soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying reels with bare wire entered the castle. Motor vehicles observed at the building at the intersection of Bratin Strasse and Muehl Gasse, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets, included truck _____ drivers with black-bordered black epaulets. Four trucks and 2 signal trucks were parked in the yard of the building. 1

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2. On 3 April 1954, two sergeants and 32 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched toward the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal correctional) from the drill ground in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). Groups of six soldiers carried one 82-mm mortar barrel, one base plate, one mortar mount and one red- and white-aiming stake, eight soldiers carried rifles.

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3. On 1 April 1954, two captains wearing artillery insignia entered the former Pioneer Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89), which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The engines of four rocket-launcher carriers were repeatedly started in the yard. A convoy leaving the installation toward

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the Fischamend (P 49/X 58) highway at about 10 a.m. included jeep [redacted] occupied by three officers, truck E 7-45-81 occupied by 6 soldiers and loaded with 3 tables, drivers and soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and rocket-launchers carriers [redacted] each occupied by 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The guide rails of the rocket launchers, whose height indicated model M-13 weapons, were covered with canvas. 3

4. Ordnance and motor vehicles observed in the barracks installation in Kagrau (P 49/X 49) on 1 April 1954 included 6 barrels of tank guns exceeding a man's height without muzzle brakes, 8 barrels of tank guns exceeding a man's height with muzzle brakes, and 10 trucks. The section of the installation quartering an AAA unit could not be observed. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. One SP gun without a muzzle brake and two armored full-track vehicles with muzzle brakes were parked under a shed-roof in the area between the barracks installation and the athletic field. Twelve tank trucks [redacted] were parked in the fuel depot. Motor vehicles leaving the barracks installation in Kagrau on 2 April 1954 included [redacted] drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Armored vehicles leaving the installation toward the Stadlau (P 49/X 49) railroad station at about 4 p.m. included 5 SP guns each of which had 6 bogie wheels, 3 track-supporting rollers, 1 tank gun of about man's height with muzzle brake to the right of the vehicle axis, and 1 AA machine gun on the right side of the hull; and 6 SP guns which were the same model, but mounted no muzzle brakes. All SP guns were unnumbered. Other 10 SP guns were ready for entraining at the Stadlau railroad station. The day after the SP guns had left, the barrels of tank guns exceeding a man's height, six with muzzle brakes and eight without muzzle brakes as on the preceding day, and truck [redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed in the installation. The shed-roof between the barracks installation and the athletic field, however, was empty. Nine tank trucks were parked in the fuel depot. 4

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the unit observed belongs to the 45th Gds Mech Regt.
3. [redacted] Comment. The present information confirms the 15th Gds Rocket Launcher Bn, of the 13th Gds Mech Div in Hainburg until April 1954.
4. [redacted]

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